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Social Distancing best to combat COVID-19

- District Administration battle-ready; DC seeks public cooperation to curb virus spread
- Five temples in District including Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud closed

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar addressing a press meet in city this morning as MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, SP C.B. Ryshyanth and DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (RK&BCT)- Now that the new Coronavirus and COVID-19, the illness it causes, are spreading among communities across the world, phrases such as 'social distancing, 'isolation' and 'self-quarantine' are showing up everywhere. Even at a press conference on COVID-19 held at his office this morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar insisted on social distancing and self quarantine to prevent the virus from spreading.

"While it may be disappointing to hear that so many events, festivals and other gatherings like in malls, offices and wedding halls are being cancelled, there is a public health reason for these measures. These cancellations help stop or slow down the spread of disease allowing the healthcare system to more readily care for patients," he said.

Avoid Government offices

"Cancelling events that are likely to draw crowds is an example of social distancing. Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. We are asking people to even avoid going to Government offices like the DC Office, Revenue Department and Sub-registrar Offices, Tahsildar Office, Assistant Commissioner's Office, Mini Vidhana Soudha unless it is absolutely necessary," Abhiram Sankar explained and added that the officers and Courts will handle only emergency matters.

People who have been exposed to the virus and who are at risk for coming down with COVID-19 must practice self-quarantine.

"Health experts recommend that self-quarantine lasts 14 days. Two weeks provides enough time for them to know whether or not they will become ill and be contagious to others. Self-quarantine is imposed on such people who have recently returned from their travel to countries where COVID-19 is spreading rapidly or if they have knowingly been exposed to an infected person," the DC explained.

District authorities prepared

The District Administration has taken all measures to combat the disease like banning public functions, events and gatherings at malls, closing of Aadhaar Seva Kendras, wedding halls and pubs. "We are battle-ready to prevent the virus in the second stage of the attack," the DC said.

So far, 164 people were under observation and of them, 104 were in isolation and 64 of them have been asked to go home as they tested negative. There are no positive cases in Mysuru so far," he reiterated.

"Isolation means keeping people who are infected with a contagious illness away from those who are not infected. Isolation can take place at home or at a hospital or care facility. Special personal protective equipments will be used to care for these patients in healthcare units," Abhiram Sankar said.

(See COVID on page 8)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for news item titled ***"Benami properties a stumbling block in withdrawing B-Kharab classification."*** *—Ed*

Man from Kodagu tests positive

Kodagu DC asks hotels, home stays, resorts, dormitories to shut till Mar. 31

Madikeri, Bengaluru, Mar. 19 (PS&BCT)- One person tested positive for COVID-19 in Kodagu this morning, taking the tally of confirmed cases in the State to 15. Health Minister B. Sriramulu, in a post on *Twitter* said, the State's 15th patient is from Kodagu district and the patient had a history of travel to Saudi Arabia.

"Today, a person from Kodagu has tested positive for COVID-19. This person had returned from Saudi Arabia. This person has been placed in isolation at a medical facility and is under observation. This is Karnataka's 15th case," Sriramulu posted in Kannada on *Twitter*.

Kodagu DC Annies Kanmani Joy told reporters that the patient was 35 years old and the patient hails from Madikeri Taluk. His tests were conducted at Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory in Mysuru and the results showed positive.

District Administration sources said that the person had returned from Abu Dhabi via Mangaluru Airport on Mar. 16 when the virus spread was at its peak in Middle East. The patient's relatives have now been kept under observation and isolation as there are strong chances of them being infected.

Cases in Karnataka were so far limited to Bengaluru and Kalaburagi. The State Government has extended its order on closure of malls, theatres and night clubs as well as other places of mass gatherings till the end of the month. **The Government has also decided to stamp the upper palm of people who have returned from abroad.**

(See KODAGU on page 8)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Untouchability in new *avatar*

Without meaning to take the side of *Covid-19* ravaging many countries around the world, the epidemic has its unique *positive*, virtually concealed under its multiple *negatives* made familiar by the ever alert media. For a change, not exactly welcome, the columns of dailies don't seem to have space for printing matters relating to other familiar issues such as corruption, crime, fraudulent deals of top corporate executives, horse-trading aimed at toppling Governments, road mishaps, unmanaged garbage, protests against various measures introduced by the Government, unedifying conduct of people's *elected* representatives in different Legislative Bodies and so on, all happening with no signs of let up. Afflictions bugging human populations both globally and regionally that medical science has helped in remedying them or providing partial relief from agony to the victims, such as cancer have got sidelined by Coronavirus worldwide and Avian Flu in parts of Karnataka. Research teams in many countries are reportedly in an overdrive to create either an effective vaccine or drug as cure for the afflictions caused by the virus, but the wait for their success is likely to be longer than expected.

The factor of hygiene, both on home front and in public places, including hospitals overcrowded with sufferers of various illnesses and their kin, is being drummed up through publicity handouts, radio broadcasts, television telecasts and announcements in the streets through public address system, but the proportion of population not complying with the advisory is still very high.

Guidelines on maintaining cleanliness at the levels of individuals and community being bestowed wide publicity by dailies in various languages, along with graphics, couldn't have been simpler than what they are. Even the manner of washing one's hands with safe water and soap has been bestowed attention with inputs from good Samaritans. Residents in urban slums and the rustics in villages deserve and need more attention than urban residents, considering the handicap that the unlettered sections face in absorbing the guidelines. This is the time that the functionaries in charge of implementing the anti-virus measures have to give up their customary character of attending to their duties perfunctorily.

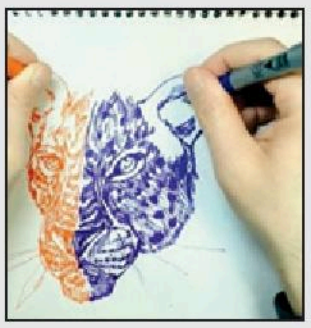
People at large may scoff at the diktat not to *touch* one's nose, eyes and lips with unclean hands. Maybe, avoiding hand-shake and hugging, both acts commonly witnessed in the West, as different from greeting others with folded hands (*namaste*) have to be viewed objectively, without mistaking the measure as untouchability in the land. The shrub "Touch-me-not" (*Mimosa Pudica*) the leaves of which close up on being touched, adhering to its *dharma*, merits to be followed as a role model, without overtones of sentiment and emotion, accepting *untouchability* in its new *avatar*. In sum, thanks to the virus, everybody is untouchable — *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam !*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHY PEOPLE STILL CRACK DIRTY JOKES AT WORK: ***More than a quarter of men think it is acceptable to tell sexual jokes in the workplace, according to a new study. A survey of more than 20,000 people in 27 countries was carried out by the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King's College, London, to mark International Women's Day. The data showed that 28% of men thought that stories of a sexual nature were acceptable in work settings, compared with 16% of women. The figures for Britain mirror these global proportions; however, researchers state that British men are much more accepting of such behaviour than their counterparts in countries including Mexico, Australia, Canada and the US.*** — *Sarah Young in The Sunday Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Detailed drawings using both hands at same time



Detroit: Colin Darke, a lawyer and an amateur artist from Detroit, has been getting a lot of attention lately for his ability to draw detailed artworks with both hands at the same time, often using different colors in each to highlight his ambidextrous technique.

From portraits of celebrities, iconic film characters, animals an nature-inspired scenes, there's nothing he 42-year-old can't draw with his hands simultaneously. After keeping his skill a secret for most of his life, the amateur artist only recently started posting photos and clips showcasing his ambidextrous talents on Instagram, after being inspired by a motivational speaker. Colin, who started drawing at the age of five, has so far created portraits of Harry Potter, Leonardo Da Vinci, Kobe Bryant and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, among others.

Baker takes bread art to a whole new level

North Carolina: North Carolina food artist P. Hannah has taken Instagram by storm with her intricate bread designs. From loaves of bred decorated with plant-inspired designs hand-carved into the dough, to pastry creations adorned with colorful fruits and vegetables, her works are eye-catching.

Using a razor blade attached to a kitchen utensil the name of which escapes me, the artist posting on Instagram under the name "Blondie + Rye" takes bread art to a level that I for one have not seen before. Sure, there are lost of talented bread artists showcasing their creations online these, days but Hannah is definitely one of the most talented ones, if not the best.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the Paleo diet?

The Paleo diet, also called the Caveman or Stone Age diet, is one of the hottest of today's trending diets. It is based on the eating patterns of our early Palaeolithic ancestors Therefore, sugar, grains, legumes, dairy and oils are avoided in favour of meat, fish, eggs, fruits, nuts, seeds and vegetables.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Painting Camp at JSS Balajagath

Mysuru, Mar. 19- JSS Mahavidyapeetha will be conducting a Painting Camp for Primary, Higher Primary and High School students at JSS Balajagath premises on Ramanuja Road in city from Apr.6 to 28.

The camp will be held in three categories — 6-9 year, 10-13 years and 14 to 17 years — with 50 students in each category. Well-known artists will give demonstration at the camp and also, one-day trip will be arranged to facilitate participants for nature painting. Participants will be provided with drawing sheets at the camp which will be held from 9 am to 1 pm every day.

The paintings will be displayed at an expo to be held on Apr.28 and prizes will be given to best three painting in each category.

Applications can be obtained from Mallanna [Mob: 97417-94484], Assistant Teacher, JSS Balajagath, Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Ramanuja Road, Mysuru, from tomorrow (Mar.20). Filled in applications must be submitted to the Office before Apr.5. For details, contact Chief Convenor S.M. Jambukeshwara [98866-23490] or Convenors N.B. Palleda [99022-74832] and P.S. Salabannavara [80954-40122].

Farmers Camp at Suttur

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamthana Mutt, Suttur Srikshetra, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, have jointly organised a Farmers Camp at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk here from Apr. 15 to 17.

The camp will be held in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and under the guidance of Jnanayogashrama Seer Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji. Entry for the camp is free and any farmer can take part.

Mass prayer, yoga, lecture and interaction on agriculture, desi games and cultural programmes will be held every day during the three-day camp.

Those willing to take part in the camp, may contact Camp Convenors Gangadhar Kasaraghatta [98452-15474 / 94487-41983] or Prakash Honnuru [96206-22213] or Dareppa Parappa Kittur [99162-38273] or Kalahundi Guruswamy [97420-86350] or Gangadhar [94487-41983] and register their names or e-mail: *jsspublications@gmail.com*

Apart from this, seven other camps will be held at Suttur from Apr.11 to May 1 and May 17 to 25, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise:** Our Solar System started off as a swirling cloud of dust and gas which eventually collapsed into a spinning disc with the Sun at its centre. Because of this common origin, all the planets move around the Sun in the same direction and on roughly the same plane. They also all spin in the same direction (counter-clockwise if observed from 'above') – except Uranus and Venus. Uranus spins on its side, while Venus defiantly spins in complete opposite direction. The most likely cause of these planetary oddballs are gigantic asteroids which knocked them off course in distant past.*

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VOICE OF THE READER

A neglected vacant site

Picture shows beer bottles and other wastes strewn at the vacant site.

Sir,

It is high time that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) takes action against the owners of old vacant sites in the city's jurisdiction as they are turning into garbage dumping yards and polluting the surrounding environment.

For example, a site opposite to the Bisilu Maramma temple in Gangothri Layout, which is situated immediately next to our house, is vacant for a little over two decades now. Some miscreants are regularly throwing litter there which has become an eyesore, apart from aiding the mosquitoes to breed.

MCC should find the owner and impose penalty for keeping it vacant or in a neglected state.

—Malini Rajendra
Gangothri Layout
16.3.2020

Corrections and Clarifications

It's Road Under Bridge, NOT Railway Under Bridge

The headline titled ***"Works on Railway Under Bridge near Kukkarahalli Lake to begin soon"*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on Page-13, may please be read as ***'Works on Road Under Bridge near Kukkarahalli Lake to begin soon'.*** The error is regretted. **—Ed**

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Dates for request purchase/Download of Tender Document (Excel/Work formats)	From **09.03.2020 (11.00 hrs.)** to **27.03.2020 (15.00 Hrs.)** on website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE**. Detailed NIT is also available on website **www.barc.gov.in** for view only
Date of Pre-bid clarification	Not applicable
Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders	**31.03.2020**
Last date for submission of original documents towards receipt of e-payment Tender Processing Fee and EMD amount	On or before **07.04.2020 (15.00 hrs.)** at the Administrative Officer-III, BARC, Mysuru in a sealed super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents along with EMD should be submitted preferably in person. However documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram at Yadavagiri in city has organised discourses at its premises. Swami Jnanayoganandaji will speak on 'Sri Durga Saptashati' on Mar. 19; Swami Shantivratanandaji will speak on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' on Mar. 21 and on 'Khandana Bhava Bandhana' on Mar. 22. All discourses will be held at 6 pm.

Ramanavami cultural events postponed

Following the District Administration's order to postpone or cancel public programmes attracting large gathering of people, Sri Mahajana Sabha has cancelled all the cultural programmes scheduled for Mar. 22 and events scheduled to be held from Mar.25 to Apr. 6 as part of Ramanavami. However, the religious programmes will be held in a simple manner, according to a press release from Sabha Secretary Maadu Rao.

Calling writers

Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara (Kannada Book Authority) has invited applications from writers for granting subsidy for their first ever publication for the year 2019. The age limit has been increased from 18 years to 40 years. The works including novels, poetry, short stories, drama and others, which has not been published elsewhere in any form and written by young authors will be considered. Interested writers are requested to send their books to KBA, Kannada Bhavana, J.C. Road, Bengaluru before Apr. 15. For details, contact Ph: 080-22484516.

Suttur Seer condoles Papu's death

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji has condoled the death of veteran journalist and former Rajya Sabha Member Patil Puttappa (Papu), who passed away on Mar. 16. Recalling that Patil Puttappa used to stay at Suttur Mutt whenever he was in Mysuru, the Suttur Seer said that Patil Puttappa had huge respect for the Mutt.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	109.04 ft
Yesterday	119.36 ft
Inflow	304 cusecs
Outflow	3,823 cusecs

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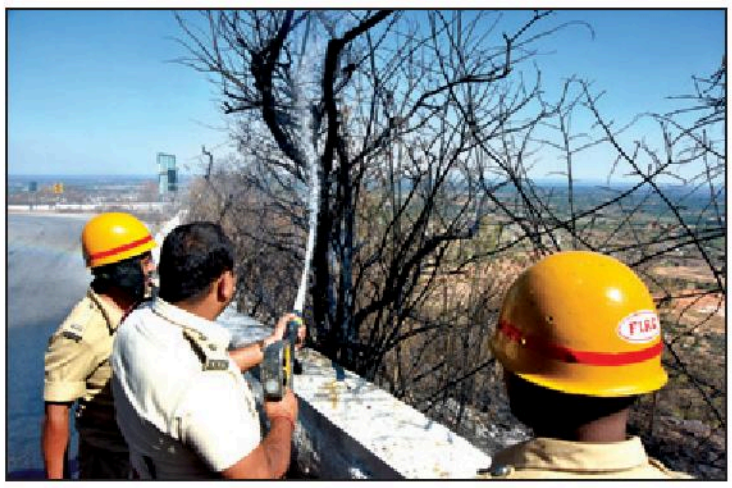
(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,273.49 ft
Inflow	136 cusecs
Outflow	700 cusecs

Forest Fire atop Chamundi Hill

Strong winds hamper extinguishing process; Six fire-fighting vehicles, 80 personnel conduct dousing operation



Mysuru, Mar. 19 (MTY&KS)- Fire has destroyed over 10 acres of forest area on the road leading to Uttanahalli from Lalithadripura atop Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon. It is learnt that some miscreants had lit the fire which spread soon due to strong winds.

The fire was noticed at about 1.30 pm yesterday by Fire watchers deployed at Jwalamukhi Hill, who immediately informed their counterparts and the same was also informed to the Fire Department, which rushed six fire extinguishing vehicles to the spot.

As the fire extinguishing operation began, strong winds which began to blow hampered the operation, which also resulted in fire spreading to other places. More than 80 Fire and Forest staff, along with six fire extinguishing vehicles, 10 motorised water sprayers and volunteers managed to douse the fire, which took them about four hours. Finally, the fire was completely doused at about 6 pm last evening.

Though enough awareness to prevent forest fires was conducted at various villages at the foot of Chamundi Hill, requesting the public to join hands with the Forest Department to prevent fires, the act of miscreants lighting fire to forest areas has saddened the Forest officials.

Traffic banned

Following huge fire, movement of all types of vehicles including KSRTC buses were banned from 1.50 pm to 4.30 pm yesterday as a precautionary measure.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar said "the fire was lit intentionally by miscreants. The fire which began on Lalithadripura Road at the foot of Chamundi Hill spread quickly due to strong winds. The fire has been completely controlled at present. A Jathra (fair) is going on at a village on the foot of Chamundi Hill and it is suspected that some who had come to the Jathra may have lit the fire."

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF)- Mysuru Circle T. Heeralal and Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar supervised the extinguishing operation. Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Krupanidhi, Range Forest Officers (RFO) Prashanth Kumar and M.K. Devaraju, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFO) M.V. Venkatachala, A.S. Manju, T.E. Vijaya Kumar, Prakash and others took part in the dousing operation.

Fire at B.R. Hills too

In a suspected act by miscreants, hundreds of acres of the Tiger Reserve are at Biligiri Ranganatha Hills (B.R. Hill) has been gutted yesterday.

The fire has destroyed flora and fauna at Bili Gudda, Karadi Gudda, Golle Gudda, Muddisidda Gudda and surroundings of Arepalya village in Kollegal taluk. As most of the places were dry due to summer, the fire quickly spread and strong winds escalated the fire further.

Forest officials have suspected that some miscreants may have lit fire to the forest area and added that steps were taken to douse the fire completely with the help of Forest staff and volunteers.

Banyan Tree catches fire

Mysuru, Mar. 19- A huge banyan tree located between a hotel and a two-wheeler showroom on Sayyaji Rao Road suddenly caught fire on Monday evening causing tension for some time.

Soon, fire personnel from the Bannimantap Fire Station, led by Fire Station Officer M. Shivaswamy rushed to the spot, managed to douse the fire and prevent it from spreading further.

Obituary

Mansoor Ahmed Khan Durani

Mysuru, Mar. 19 - Mansoor Ahmed Khan Durani (84), a retired teacher of Farooqia Boys' High School and a resident of Bannimantap 'B' Layout, Siddiqnagar, passed away at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Aboobaker Ahle Hadees at Subashnagar after Namaz-e-Zohar (1 pm) today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Jayamma

Jayamma (72), wife of late Angadi Krishnappa (building contractor) and a resident of Paduvarahalli, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind three sons, grand children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this noon at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Infosys begins evacuation

of over 10,000 trainees from Mysuru

KSRTC to ply 20 buses from Infy campus every day till Apr. 2

Infosys trainees, who are instructed to vacate the campus as a precautionary measure in view of the Coronavirus scare, are seen waiting outside the campus in Hebbal this morning, to head back to their homes.

Mysuru, Mar. 19- In view of the Coronavirus scare, IT major Infosys, which has its biggest campus in the city of Mysuru, has begun evacuating trainees from its Global Education Centre here from yesterday.

The IT giant has sought the help of KSRTC to help ferry close to 10,000 trainees to their respective destinations. The evacuation, said to be one of the largest within India since the outbreak of the virus, will be carried out in phases. Each day around 1,500 trainees will be evacuated from the campus.

KSRTC has set up four counters inside the Infosys campus, wherein the trainees can purchase a current ticket to their respective destinations.

As of now, KSRTC is operating Volvo (Airavat Club Class), Rajahamsa Sleeper coach and ordinary red buses to Chennai, Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Madurai, Bengaluru City, Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru and many other districts in the Southern States. Trainees from Northern part of India are opting for train journey. City buses are also being deployed to ferry trainees to the City Railway Station.

Around 20 KSRTC buses from the Mysuru Rural Sub-Division will be operating from Infosys Mysuru Campus in Hebbal to ferry around 1,500 trainees each day till Apr. 2. This arrangement is to avoid panic and chaos among the trainees, said the statement.

Some trainees also made their own arrangements to travel to their homes, by hiring private cabs. Each cab was shared by 3-4 trainees going in that direction, as seen today morning near the campus.

The Flybus of KSRTC operates to and from Mysuru Suburb Bus Stand and Madikeri to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru. Also today morning, the Flybus coming from Bengaluru and headed towards Madikeri, via Mysuru, added a little detour towards Infosys campus in city, to help trainees take this bus towards Madikeri and other nearby places.

the State.

He further said, after the Government's order to avoid travel unless necessary, most of the commuters are avoiding public transport and also restricting travel plans, thereby forcing us to cancel most of our bus services.

Online training

"Training won't be halted as a result of this move. To make sure that the trainees can learn from their homes, we are facilitating logistics and are also ensuring that their training continues via Lex, our digital learning and talent transformation platform," said a statement from Infosys.

"Infosys has advised its employees to work from home where possible while ensuring client confidentiality and security. We will continue to work with local Governments all around the world in following their advisories," said Infosys CEO Salil Parekh, in a statement.

Infosys had earlier vacated one of its buildings in Bengaluru campus suspecting one of its employees was in touch with a COVID-19 positive patient.

KSRTC sees dip in travel

Mysuru, Mar. 19- KSRTC Mysuru Rural Sub-Division Divisional Controller R. Ashok Kumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore,* said that KSRTC has reduced its Volvo bus services by almost 40-50 percent and common red buses by almost 20 percent due to the Coronavirus scare across

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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

A Brief History of Goddess Worship

Harappan civilisation, which thrived over 4,000 years ago, had seals of as-yet-unidentified Goddesses emerging from trees and Goddesses riding tigers. Vedic religion that thrived 3,000 years ago, however,

was primarily a masculine religion dominated by worship of Indra, Varuna, Agni and Soma, even Prajapati. Goddesses play a generally minor role, but are present in the form of speech (Vac), twilight (Ushas), forests (Aranyani), earth (Prithvi), prosperity (Shri) and even power (Durga). Veda is all hymns, not quite description of images, more like poetry evoking personified concepts.

In *Jaimini Brahmana,* which is Vedic, there is fearsome sexual Goddess who is said to be a forerunner of the later Goddess Kali, but the first time we come upon a very clear familiar Goddess of war is in the 2,000-year-old Tamil literature, which speaks of the Goddess, Kotravayi, very similar to Kali, or her more grotesque manifestation of Chamunda, linked to ghosts and death.

There were perhaps village Goddesses, embodiment of the settlement, worshipped as a rock, now worshipped as grama-devis or clan-Goddesses or kula-devis in ancient matriarchal clans where there was no concept of fatherhood, but we cannot determine when this practice originated. We know them only after they were included in classic Puranic pantheon 1,500 years ago, in the Gupta period.

Buddhist stupas of this time have clear images of Sree Lakshmi who is common to Buddhists, Jains and Hindus. The earliest probable image of Saraswati is from a Jain temple, where we have a Goddess holding a book. The clear sign of the first Hindu Goddess is the presence of multiple arms wrestling bulls or buffaloes, which is found in Kushan images, roughly 1,800 years ago.

Gupta period coins introduce us to lion writing Goddesses, linked by art historians to the Mesopotamian Ishtar or Persian Nana, Goddess of love and war.

The texts come later. There is reference to Goddesses in Mahabharata and Ramayana, but she is fully described in all her glory *Devi Mahatmya* of the *Markandeya Purana,* dated to the 7th century. Images of Shiva appeared in cave art with Ganga on his head, Gauri on his lap, or had Kali dancing on his chest. Vishnu had Lakshmi and Saraswati on either side in Pala art of the 9th century. Durga rode to battle on a lion. For symmetry, the idea of three male Gods and three female Goddesses, was complete before 1,000 AD.

The rise of the Goddess happens as kings extend their power beyond highways and river valleys to include forest tribes who had clan Goddesses. Every Rajput king who emerged after 1,300 AD needed a Goddess to legitimise his claim — she received the blood of his enemies and made him king. Marathas were associated with Durga Bhavani of Tuljapur and Kolhapur; kings of Odisha with Biraja Devi; kings of Kulu Manali with the Hidimba temple; kings of Mysore with Chamunda Devi; kings of Nepal with Teluja. This made the Goddess very popular. The Bengal Durga Puja festival became popular about 200-300 years ago as per historians.

These were private ceremonies held at houses of landlords to bring the village together. However, they became a public ceremony, following the Battle of Plassey, where the local Bengal elite would invite the new rulers of the land, the officers of the British East India company.

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Corona: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly !

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Thankfully, India is not that much dependent on foreign tourists and have domestic tourists to fall back on. Comparatively, Coronavirus attack on India has been limited so far and it is expected that it will pass over fast. But since India is dependent mainly on European tourists from France, Italy and UK to a large extent forming the bulk, the foreign tourist inflow will be severely affected not only for this year, but for the next year too. To conclude, every crisis has a good, bad and ugly side. It is important that we learn from every crisis, highlight the good, learn from the bad and move on...

Every experience in life has three sides — that is the good, the bad and the ugly and the Coronavirus is no exception. Well, one can ask what is the **GOOD** side of a virus like Corona?

Ballal

Let us take China where thousands have been self-quarantined by the State. A Chinese Pastor wrote to his brother in Istanbul the following: The air is getting fresher, the haze is gone. The sun is getting brighter and the sky blue. There are less and less people on the roads. Very few cars on the roads and so traffic snarls is history. Family lives are getting better, warmer, cordial and people's hearts have become more and more calm.

People who have not read for years have picked up books at home. Parents and children who had no communications with each other, couples who did not talk to each other for years have opened up the conversation box. Children have understood the importance of the so-called boring home food, the effort the home-maker puts in to make clean wholesome food day in and day out.

Last but not the least the realisation that nature is supreme and can put us in our place whenever it decides to do so. People have started to realise that there is so much more to life than just work, work and work.

It is true that nature does give this jolt once in a while. Of course, man will find a solution for this virus too in a short time and this virus too will become history. But in a year's time another form of virus will come which will again make us go back to the drawing board.

It is also a fact that those who are on a self-quarantine, are realising the importance of so-called boring home food. Whenever my wife used to clean the spinach and other leafy vegetables 3 to 4 times, I used to wonder and sometime chide her too on this.

But now I have realised the importance of this extreme form of hygiene, routinely practiced at home. Every time I came from an outing she would insist that I wash my hands with soap. And I have skipped it many times but on hearing the importance of this simple cleaning method over and over again in the TV with all the top doctors recommending it, I have realised how important this simple cleaning technique is.

With nothing else to do and bored of the TV, I have started to read, a habit which I had discarded for some time. The only hope is that these habits continue even after the virus is gone.

Let us now come to the **BAD** side of the virus. All the countries including the worst affected China, South Korea, Italy, US etc., will have to rework their budgets. No one really knows how many months this virus will continue and its effect on the economy. The worst hit is tourism industry and its subsidiary like the airlines and hotels. Even after the virus is finally gone, the fear factor will keep many a potential tourist at home. Business, medical and religious tourism will start early but leisure tourism will take a hit for some time to come.

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The hotel and airline industry will offer very attractive discounts and rebates to get in the domestic tourists to start travel all over again. But how many industries survive, how many perish, how many are not able to repay the loans, become a basket NPA case etc. All these will come to the fore only after the virus is gone and the economy starts limping back to revive itself.

Now let us come to the **UGLY** side of the virus:

A mask sold in Mumbai for 2,000 rupees !

Spurious hand gels sold in the market.

The greed of a man to make a fast buck on somebody's misery is loathsome.

Rumour-mongering is another disease one has to be careful of. Recently two youngsters have been arrested for putting a fake news of Corona on the net.

WhatsApp and other social media are a double edged sword. They are useful but some elements use this media to spread fear and mistrust.

Recently some rumours were floated informing the public that eating non-vegetarian food increased the chances of Coronavirus. Lo, what happened. The prices of poultry crashed causing heavy damage to the industry as a whole. And add to it the Bird Flu now.

However much the Government of the day put up laws to deal with such elements, it is the self-discipline of the persons which can control this ugly side.

To conclude, every crisis has a good, bad and ugly side. It is important that we learn from every crisis, highlight the good, learn from the bad and move on.

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First combat-worthy Tejas takes to skies

Air Commodore Kalianda A. Muthana flies indigenous fighter plane for 40 minutes

K.A.Muthana

Bengaluru, Mar. 19 (BCT)- The first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in Final Operational Clearance (FOC)-Standard (SP-21) took to the skies for its maiden flight in Bengaluru on Tuesday last, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) said.

Piloted by Air Commodore Kalianda Appaya Muthana (Retd.), Chief Test Flying (Fixed Wing), the aircraft took-off from HAL Airport at around 12.30 pm, the Bengaluru-headquartered defence Public Sector Unit said in a statement. It was air-borne for 40 minutes.

This flight signifies exemplary team work between various stakeholders of the LCA Tejas programme such as HAL, Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance, Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC), Indian Air Force (IAF) and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), HAL Chairman and Managing Director R. Madhavan said.

15 fighters by April 2021

HAL is targeting 15 fighters by April 2021. The flight is the first step in a series of things lined up to enable the IAF raise a second squadron of Tejas in Sulur, Tamil Nadu. The first squadron of Tejas — Flying Daggers — is already operating from there.

"HAL achieved the momentous feat within a record time of 12 months after release of Drawing Applicability List (DAL) and SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) by CEMILAC", the statement said. "This would pave the way for production of remaining 15 fighters from FOC (Final Operational Clearance) block, which are planned to be delivered during the next financial year," it said.

Advanced features

The FOC aircraft are equipped with advanced features such as Air-to-Air refuelling and Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile system. "It imbibes a lot of manufacturing improvements which were based on the operational feedback of LCA-IOC (Initial Operational Clearance) fleet with IAF", HAL said.

On February 20, 2019, the IAF had finally agreed that the indigenously developed and built Tejas was combat-ready and received the 'release to service' certificate — which means the fighter got the FOC — from DRDO, whose lab Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) designed the aircraft.

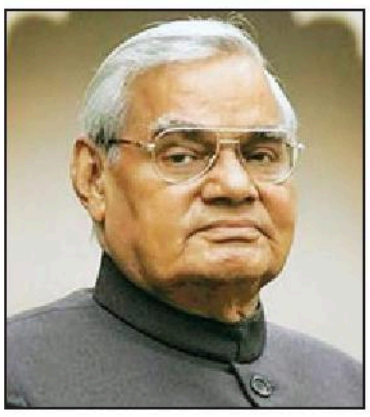
First conceived in 1983

The aircraft, which was first conceived in 1983, is being produced by HAL. Although it was conceived in 1983, the project was only sanctioned in 1993. The FOC and release to service happened close on the heels of the final DAL (Drawing Applicability Lists) of Tejas was released to HAL on Dec. 31.

The aircraft was named Tejas (meaning radiance in Sanskrit) by Atal Bihari Vajpayee when he was the Prime Minister.

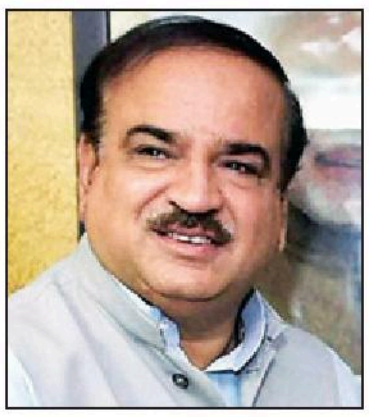
The cost of the programme is estimated at Rs. 39,000 crore. Tejas will eventually replace the ageing fleet of MiG-21 planes. All squadrons of Tejas will be made up of 20 planes in total, including four in reserve.

Did Vajpayee name 'Tejas' after Tejaswini Ananth Kumar?



Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Tejaswini Ananth Kumar



H.N. Ananth Kumar

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (BCT)- On Jan. 4, 2001, the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee christened the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) as Tejas that means radiance in Sanskrit.

At a glittering ceremony in Bengaluru, Vajpayee witnessed the flying display of the LCA's two prototypes, Technology Demonstrator-I and Technology Demonstrator-II, for about 10 minutes and chose Tejas, one of the 20 Sanskrit names short-listed.

A message is doing the rounds in social media that Vajpayee named the aircraft 'Tejas' after **Tejaswini Ananth Kumar,** the wife of former Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar (late). The message (which was out on Tejaswini's birthday on Mar.11, 2020), says that Tejaswini was a scientist in Aeronautical Development Agency between 1988 and 1998 and was an integral part of the team that developed Tejas. She resigned soon after Ananth Kumar became a Minister.

When *Star of Mysore* called Tejaswini Ananth Kumar yesterday to ascertain the facts of the message, she said that she had no idea who drafted the message that gives her full credit for the project.

"Yes, I was a part of the team at Aeronautical Development Agency and it is wrong to give me the entire credit. There are many senior scientists who have put in years of service and dedication to develop Tejas and they must be complimented for the feat," she said, in all humility.

Might be coincidence

Recalling the meetings with Vajpayee along with her husband, who was a Union Minister then, Tejaswini said that she had met PM Vajpayee a couple of times in New Delhi. "On the morning of Jan. 4, 2001, I, my husband and Vajpayee had a breakfast meeting in Bengaluru just before the flying display of the LCA's two prototypes at HAL Airport. We were only three persons in the meeting and during the course of the conversation, the PM asked me what we should name the indigenous aircraft. I politely told him that he was the Prime Minister and it was his prerogative. Vajpayjee just smiled," she recalled.

"Later we came to know that the PM had christened the aircraft as Tejas. It might be just a coincidence that a part of my name (Tejaswini) has Tejas. I don't know what was working in the PM's mind as he chose that name," she said.

When *Star of Mysore* sought her reaction on the first combat-worthy flight of Tejas, Tejaswini said that it was a proud moment not just for her but for the entire nation. "It is a momentous occasion when an indigenously-built aircraft takes to the skies and is declared combat-worthy," she said.

Vajpayee all praise for Tejas

"I am confident that this world-class fighting machine will make a glorious contribution to the nation's defence. I am happy to name it Tejas. May it bring glory to our aerospace industry," Vajpayee had said while addressing about 500 people at the HAL Airport then.

Cruising at a speed of 600 km per hour and climbing to a height of 250 feet, both the prototypes, codenamed Delta-I and Delta-II, flew in close formation and conducted breathtaking manoeuvres, including crisscrossing in midair, teardrop turns, waggle wings and zoom pull-ups.

Vajpayee was impressed by the flight sorties and complimented Aeronautical Development Agency, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., National Aerospace Laboratories and Defence Research and Development Organisation for their motivation, innovation and dedication.

Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 & Alanahalli Survey No.41

Benami properties a stumbling block in withdrawing B-Kharab classification

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (OSR)- One of the main reasons why the State Government is still unable to declassify CITB and MUDA Layouts coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41 from B-Kharab (Government land) classification is the benami properties owned by certain individuals and organisations, reveal sources in the know of things.

Due to these benami and other properties owned by certain powerful people, the more than five-year deadlock has not yet been resolved despite many efforts and protests and as a result thousands of residents of the layouts including Siddarthanagar, Vidyanagar, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar, Alanahalli and Income Tax Layouts coming under the two survey numbers are going through misery unable to do any property transactions.

During the tenure of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, the Cabinet had decided to drop the B-Kharab classification and had asked the Principal Secretary of Revenue Department to pass an order in this regard. The Cabinet had also decided to inform the Karnataka High Court about its decision as there were some cases in this regard pending in the High Court.

Siddharamaiah *Shikha* *Yediyurappa*

There are ample instances where houses that were built on Government land have been regularised after obtaining applications from the encroachers. There are even many examples of regularisation of illegal layouts that were built after levelling lakes. In such a scenario, owners of legally purchased land from a Government body are put into severe hardship by the Government itself. These people have built houses after pooling in their life's savings. Where will such people go?

Official lethargy

But unfortunately for over 25,000 residents of the said layouts, despite the orders passed by the then Cabinet there is no relief for them due to the nonchalant attitude of the official machinery. Officers are giving various excuses to implement the Government order and are whiling away time, causing anxiety among the hapless residents who have nowhere to go.

Highly placed sources told *Star of Mysore* that as soon as the Siddharamaiah Government passed the Cabinet Order to drop the B-Kharab classification, several senior officers who allegedly owned benami properties in these survey numbers and others saw a golden opportunity to regularise their lands also along with the MUDA allotted lands.

A stumbling block

But as the Cabinet had clearly mentioned and demarcated the areas where the B-Kharab classification was to be dropped, the desire of these purchasers to regularise their benami land was difficult. Upset over this and hell-bent on regularising their properties, these people are creating roadblocks for the Government's move — taken in the larger interests of the residents — to withdraw the B-Kharab classification, it is alleged.

This is the reason why the issue is getting delayed inordinately. And due to the selfish motive of certain officers, a large population of people have to suffer and have been deprived of their legitimate right on properties that they have legally purchased from CITB (now MUDA), sources say.

Lobby brought to light by MLA

Some time back, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas had made a startling revelation that along with the lands that the Government has proposed to drop from B-Kharab classification, there are certain other lands that have been classified as B-Kharab. "Owners of these lands are lobbying, giving excuses and are citing legal issues thereby putting hurdles in the Government process. Even the Government is aware of such hurdles and very soon, the Government will take a decision in the interest of residents," Ramdas had said.

The MLA's statement actually brings to light the benami land transactions by senior officers where the people who actually bear the brunt are the residents who have legally purchased lands by paying their hard-earned money and retirement savings from the MUDA.

Shikha's 2015 order

As per the directions of the Karnataka High Court, in May 2015, the then Deputy Commissioner C. Shikha classified the land coming under the said survey numbers as B-Kharab. A total of 710.17 acres out of 1,543 acres has been declared as B-Kharab in Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and 74 acres out of 175 acres has been declared as B-Kharab in Alanahalli Survey No.41. These lands were taken over by CITB 70 years back to form layouts.

In her order, Shikha had clearly mentioned that the lands allotted by CITB and MUDA can be withdrawn from the B-Kharab classification after an appeal is made before a competent authority (Regional Commissioner in this case). That means, the Regional Commissioner has the powers to withdraw the B-Kharab classification. **But unfortunately, neither the Government nor the officers have bothered to take a decision.**

Deadlock continues

Highly placed sources said that instead of providing relief to thousands of residents, officers are not doing anything to resolve the issue. As a result, residents of Siddarthanagar and Alanahalli, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar and Income Tax Layouts are yet to get the records of their lands that were legally purchased in the 1970s.

The issue remains pending in the corridors of power and is restricted to just examination and re-examination of records. Changes are recorded only on paper without the actual on-ground relief to residents.

Combating COVID-19

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DC seeks cooperation

"The coronavirus pandemic is making everyone aware of hand-washing and protecting others from coughs and sneezes. Along with those essential steps, practices such as social distancing, and self-quarantine and isolation can slow the rate of infection. Every person can help slowdown the virus spread and they can make a big difference to their health and that of others around them," the DC said and appealed the public to cooperate with the District Administration.

As a precaution, temples that come under Central Archaeology Department like Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud, Vaidyanatheshwara Temple and Keerthinarayana Temple at Talakadu, Lakshmikanthaswamy Temple at Mullur in H.D. Kote Taluk and Bettadapura Sidilu Mallikarjunaswamy Temple have been closed until further notice, the DC informed.

Normalcy in city

Meanwhile, near normalcy prevailed this morning in the city following advisory issued by the District Administration. Though there was minimum traffic movement earlier in the day as schools and colleges remained closed, normal crowds were seen later in the day across the city in different residential and commercial areas. Some people were moving around with masks. Business was dull, but many establishments including shops, hotels and restaurants were open. Small vendors seemed to be maximally affected with scarce buying and selling activity. Most of the people preferred to stay indoors.

Man from Kodagu tests positive

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Some passengers placed under home quarantine were not following instructions and "Therefore, it has been decided to stamp the back of palm of left hand of such passengers with a specially designed stamp which will indicate the last day of quarantine. This will be done using indelible ink," the Minister said and also tweeted the same.

Following a patient testing positive in Kodagu, Kodagu DC Annies Kanmani Joy has declared stringent measures under Section 144 (general) where resorts, home stays and hotels have been asked not to take new bookings.

The upper palm of a person, who returned from abroad, being stamped with indelible ink at Kempegowda International Airport. This photo was tweeted by Karnataka Health Minister B. Sriramulu this morning.

"A ban has been issued till Mar. 31 on guests, tourists and local people staying in all hotels including star hotels, resorts, hotel-cum-lodges, home stays, resorts, choultries and dormitories. These places have been asked to close down until further orders," the DC's order said.

Four arrested for illegally hoarding 49 quintals of PDS rice

4,961.35 kg rice, electronic weighing machine, sewing machine, Rs. 4,000 cash and goods vehicle seized

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who raided a godown in Lashkar Mohalla in Mandi Police limits, have arrested four persons, who were loading Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) rice that was stocked in the godown belonging to one Jaber Shariff, on to a goods vehicle to be sold for higher rate.

The arrested are 26-year-old Saqlain Shariff of Lashkar Mohalla, 34-year-old Nayaz of Rajivnagar 1st Stage, 31-year-old Ishan Baig of Mandi Mohalla and 38-year-old Zameer Pasha of Sathyanagar in Udayagiri here.

The Police have seized 49.61 quintals (4,961.35 kg) PDS rice, one electronic weighing machine, one sewing machine, Rs. 4,000 cash and a goods vehicle (KA-10-2480) from the accused.

A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station. DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and CCB ACP V. Mariyappa supervised CCB Inspectors A. Mallesh and C. Kiran Kumar, ASI R. Raju and staff Joseph Noronha, D. Srinivasa Prasad, W.D. Deepak, Purushotham, Arun Kumar, V. Raghu, Rajashree Jalawadi and K.G. Srinivas and Food Inspector T.J. Lakshmi in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Woman, children among four missing from city

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (KS)- In separate incidents, a woman and her two children and a minor boy are among four persons missing from city.

In the first incident, a woman and her two children are missing since Mar. 2 from Manasi Nagar in city. The missing persons are 27-year-old Uma, 7-year-old Lekhana and 5-year-old Rachana. Uma is oily red complexioned, normal built and was last seen wearing a red chudidhar. Her daughters Lekhana is 3.5 ft. tall and Rachana is oily red complexioned and lean built.

In the second incident, a 17-year-old boy, has escaped from a boys' rehabilitation centre on Mar. 13 at Mandakalli.

The boy is fair complexioned, normal built and has a small old wound mark on his face.

Those having any information about these missing persons may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Three house burglars arrested

Rs. 18 lakh worth diamond and gold ornaments, silver articles recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (KS)- Udayagiri Police, have arrested three house burglars and have recovered diamond and gold jewellery and silver articles worth Rs. 18 lakh from them.

The three burglars were arrested at 4.45 am on Tuesday, when the burglars were moving around in an auto near a huge Banyan tree in Vidyashankar Layout in Udayagiri Police limits. The Police have seized iron rods used to break open the locks which was kept behind the seat of the auto.

The arrested are 33-year-old Syed Aleem of Mahadevapura Main Road near Rehamathiya Masjid, 27-year-old auto driver Umar Pasha of Bharath Nagar and 30-year-old Waseem Pasha of Azeez Sait Nagar.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of committing five house burglaries in Udayagiri Police limits and one house burglary each in Nazarbad and Alanahalli Police limits.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 205 grams gold ornaments, 26 grams diamond jewellery and 5 kg silver articles, with a total worth of Rs.18 lakh, from Manjunath of Hunsur Housing Board, Adil Pasha of Bannur and Devendra Singh, Proprietor of Navkar Bankers in Hunsur, who had received the stolen booty.

The Police have also seized one TVS Apache bike bought after selling some stolen jewellery and an autorickshaw used for the crime from the accused.

One of the accused, Syed Aleem was earlier involved in many burglary cases and had also served five years in jail. He was released from jail in September 2019. Another accused Umar Pasha was also involved in many theft cases and had served four years in jail and was released in May 2019.

Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar supervised Udayagiri Inspector N.M. Poonacha, Sub-Inspectors Jayakeerthi, Madan Kumar and Nataraj and staff M. Shankar, Diwakar, Siddiq Ahmed, M.M. Manjunath, Mohan Kumar, R.S. Krishna, Shivarajappa and Sameer in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Burglary in broad daylight

Burglars, who broke into a house at Cheluvamba Hospital Quarters on Tuesday morning, have decamped with 321 grams gold ornaments and 450 grams silver articles worth Rs. 9.81 lakh from the house. The burglary took place at the quarters of Kumar Nayak.

He (Kumar Nayak) and his wife Vasantha Kumari, on Mar. 17, had locked the quarters and had gone to work in the morning, after which the burglars struck and decamped with the valuables.

A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

Poachers with deer meat nabbed

Siddapura (Kodagu), Mar. 19 (KS)- Meenukolli Division Forest personnel have arrested three poachers, who had hunted a Sambar in the Reserve Forest area and were transporting the meat illegally.

The arrested are 42-year-old Mahesh, 60-year-old Vishwanath and 38-year-old Chandrashekar, all residents of Hosapatna near Nanjarayapatna.

The accused had hunted the Sambar at Dubare Reserve Forest and were transporting the meat via Hosapatna when Kushalnagar Sub-Division Forest Officer Subraya and staff arrested the three accused besides seizing the meat.

Madikeri DFO Prabhakaran supervised ACF Nehru, RFO Ananya Kumar, Subraya and staff Charan Kumar, Kiran, Albert D'Souza, Ravi Utnal, Appaswamy and Vasu in the nabbing and seizing operation.

CORRIGENDUM

In the Public Notice published in Star of Mysore dated 18-03-2020 regarding property bearing No.36 and the bit of land, the location of the property may be corrected and read as 'Bamboo Bazaar, Fort Mohalla, Vishweshwara Nagar, Mysuru South, Mysuru'

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Mysuru Division Rly. DRM reviews precautionary steps to combat COVID-19

Mysuru, Mar. 19- The South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division authorities, led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg, along with Additional Divisional Railway Manager and Chief Medical Superintendent, Railway Hospital, Mysuru, yesterday inspected Mysuru Station to take stock of the efficacy of the precautionary steps taken in view of the Coronavirus outbreak.

She instructed the officials concerned to step up frequency of disinfecting commonly touched surfaces in the Station.

The Medical Department was asked to provide directional signage at all entry and exit points of the Station and also at landing areas like foot over-bridges, escalators, lifts and in circulating area of booking and advanced reservation offices indicating the way to COVID-19 Help Desk functioning at Mysuru City Railway Station.

The DRM instructed the Mechanical Department to liberally use disinfectants in the interior and on the exteriors of coaches of all passenger-carrying trains besides thoroughly cleaning all glass panels, doors and windows as frequently as possible to effectively limit the possibility of infections.

She also underlined the importance of educating the rail-users through pamphlets and literature in local language as also announcements on public address system about the precautions they have to observe. She asked the security establishment to be very proactive in preventing unauthorised persons gaining entry into the Railway Platforms.

Later, Quarantine facility in Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre in Ashokapuram was also inspected.

The Railway urges cooperation of the travelling public to maintain hygiene in Station area and in trains. Passengers with travel history are requested to so declare, get tested and go for self quarantine, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR Mysuru Division.

Platform ticket increased from Rs. 10 to Rs. 50 !

As per the directives of Railway Board, with a view to restrict the numbers at Stations and prevent overcrowding on platforms, Platform tickets for Mysuru, Hassan, Shivamogga Town and Davangere Stations have been increased from Rs. 10 to Rs. 50 with immediate effect.

Guidelines for Shopping Malls, Supermarkets and PG Hostels

Mysuru, Mar.19 (YDS&DM)- With the Government issuing directives to the authorities on the necessary measures to be taken for preventing the spread of Coronavirus, the District Administration has issued a set of guidelines for all shopping malls, supermarkets, traders, Paying Guest (PG) accommodations, hostels etc., on the safety and precautionary measures to be taken in their premises.

Guidelines

Commercial shops must refrain from making sales promotional discount offers in order to lure customers, time-limit tokens must be issued at shopping malls in order to reduce shopper density, shops should have alcohol-based hand sanitisers at designated points, cleaning of railings, doors, handles, foot-rugs, etc., using disinfectants such as bleaching powder, sodium hypochlorite liquid etc., a must.

Staff working at malls should be trained on sanitisation and hygiene practices; staff who show symptoms of Coronavirus such as fever, cough, running nose, breathing problems, etc., should immediately consult doctors; customers must refrain from touching materials in shops as far as possible, avoid rush at billing counters, deployment of attendants at counters for helping customers to pick their orders; display of dos and don'ts of COVID-19 as a measure of creating awareness etc.

Measures at public places

The people, as responsible citizens of the country, must follow the guidelines and adhere to the safety measures announced by the Government. The citizens must practise social distancing at this time of crisis and follow other measures announced by the administration.

PG owners and students

Students staying at PGs and hostels must vacate the hostel premises if their respective educational institutions have declared a holiday. Students who continue to stay will have to maintain personal hygiene and must also ensure sanitisation in their rooms and should not crowd their rooms.

PG owners must not forcefully evacuate inmates until the inmates make alternative arrangements for their stay.

Dental clinics shut till Mar. 31

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Mar.19 (KS)- The State Government, which is taking all precautions to prevent spread of COVID-19, has now issued an order asking all dental clinics across the State to close down till Mar. 31.

This was disclosed to the media by Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

ACs banned at restaurants

As COVID-19 could spread through Air Conditioners (AC), ACs at all restaurants will be banned, he said and urged the public to go to hospitals only if necessary.

Indian Dental Association (IDA), Mysore Branch

Meanwhile, Dr. Raghunath, Treasurer of IDA, Mysore Branch, speaking to *SOM*, said that IDA Karnataka has asked all its members to immediately suspend all non-essential and elective dental procedures till Mar. 31.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj told *SOM* that the Institute has not received any order so far from the Government on suspending dental services.

Sports needs to be given its right due

Sports need to be linked to education and it is the need of the hour. In the present world, when smaller nations are making much progress in sports with medals in Olympics, India is lagging far behind. It's poor involvement in sports other than cricket is a matter of grave concern.

India's higher education system is the third largest in the World, but only a handful make it to the international level in sports. We do not have the basic sporting infrastructure in most of the cities and we do not provide the sports persons with the facilities needed for training.

Our education system does not back sports even though efforts are being made to make and implement an accredited education system which introduces Physical Education as a compulsory subject from the school level to the Post Graduate level.

In spite of all these, sports has not been given the importance it deserves. Holistic development in students is absent, and a balance between co-curricular activities and academics in higher education is absent.

Many Schools/ Colleges do not have/ maintain play grounds or provide the required sports equipment to aspiring students. Physical Education teachers are poorly paid, unlike in the academic faculty. The myth that Physical Education and Sports does not aid one's academic progress prevails, even in the best of institutions.

Town Planning

Town Planning is very much necessary for developing sporting infrastructure in a city. If you look at the West, Europe and other developing countries, every area in a city will have a Swimming Pool and an Indoor Stadium facility which helps better community living and gives the general public an opportunity to utilise the facilities.

New extension areas must compulsorily have playgrounds and basic sporting infrastructure of good standard, so that the general public living there can utilise them and become healthier human beings. The concerned development authority and the Corporation should plan accordingly and provide such facility which will go a long way in promoting sport.

All round development

Sports when practiced helps an individual to learn about winning and losing which is very much necessary and helps them to overcome failures in life. It helps in creating healthy and stable body functions, maintaining hormone levels besides managing stress and depression.

Most of the parents fail to understand this and continue to put pressure on children to score well in academics, even though the child has shown interest in sports. This is not only demoralising but also leads to low self esteem in children who cannot live up to the expectations of their parents.

Participation in sports makes most of the sports persons confident and they learn to overcome failures. Human values are reinforced through sports in the younger generation. It is proved scientifically that physical activity has a positive impact on cognitive skills, leading to improved academic performance through enhanced concentration and attention as well as improved classroom behaviour.

Students perform well when they are physically fit. Unfortunately, many of the education institutions eliminate Physical Education, with a belief that if students spend more time in the ground, they will not fare well in their studies, which is a wrong thinking. Sports inculcates team spirit, leadership skills, strategic thinking and risk-taking attitude, that is very essential in an individual's career after having performed well academically.

Career options

In the present day scenario, various career opportunities have opened up in sports for interested youngsters. If they want to build their sports career, there are many Graduate and Post Graduate programmes in Sports Management. Many sports disciplines have professional leagues and in order to manage and run the show, sports management managers are required in different aspects to look after logistics, coaching, sports injuries, video analysis, data extracting and strategic planning.

Besides representing the State, National and International levels, a sports person can get employment in any organisation and represent them. He can work as a Coach/ Physio, Umpire/ Referee or become a Sports Journalist or Sports Commentator. A career in Sports Photography and Sports Journalism is much sought after these days. They can also take dealership of sports equipment from manufactures and start their own business.

There are success stories of how Indian School, College, University and Corporates in the business sector play an important role in building India's sporting culture. Hence, a constructive effort is needed to gradually adopt methods of linking sports to higher education thus ensuring a successful evolution in the Indian education system.

The Indian Government is doing its bit, by bringing in good schemes like Khelo India Youth Games, University-level Games and spotting fresh talents and giving them the needed exposure to compete in the highest level. Everything cannot be done by the Government alone and private players, Academies and Corporate companies should also contribute to spot talent and support them.

This can only happen if sports can be woven into the academic stream and if it is supported by the Principal and Administrators of the Institution, the Corporate World who can sponsor events which in turn can brighten up the sporting scene in the country.

City's Nagaraj for ITF Senior World Tennis Tourney

R. Nagaraj

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Mysuru's senior tennis player R. Nagaraj, of Income-Tax Department, has been selected to represent India in the 55+ Category (men) of ITF Senior World Team Championship 2020 to be held at Boca Raton, Florida, USA from Apr.26 to May 2.

It is a prestigious Senior Tennis Tournament conducted by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

KSCA Group II, 1st Division League

Railway Institute scores over N.R. Sports Group, Mysuru

Bengaluru, Mar. 19- Railway Institute, Hubballi, registered a four-wicket win over N.R. Sports Group, Mysuru, in KSCA Group II, 1st Division League match played at Bengaluru recently.

Batting first, N.R. Sports Group, Mysuru, scored 200 in 40.1 overs. Vinay (47), Lankesh (49) and Arun (26) were the major contributors. In reply, Railway Institute, Hubballi, scored 201/6 in 36.3 overs and registered a four-wicket win. Useful contributions came from Prathamesh (52), Mallick (46 n.o.) and Vithal (25).

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N.R. Sports Club, Mysuru: 200 in 40.1 overs (Vinay 47, Lankesh 49, Arun 26, Vithal 3/39, Rohit 4/30) lost to **Railway Institute South, Hubballi:** 201/6 in 36.3 overs (Prathamesh 52, Mallick 46 n.o., Vithal 25, R. Madhusudhan 2/33).

ICC includes two Indian women Umpires in its panel

New Delhi, Mar. 19- The number of women match officials across different International Cricket Council (ICC) panels has gone up to 12 as **Janani Narayanan** and **Vrinda Rathi** of India were yesterday named in the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.

The announcement comes soon after the launch of 100% Cricket, a 12-month campaign anticipated to build on the momentum of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020.

The campaign, launched just before 86,174 people watched the final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on International Women's Day, aims to create more excitement around the women's game ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021 in New Zealand.

Adrian Griffith, ICC Senior Manager - Umpires and Referees, said: "These are exciting times for women's cricket, and it is only appropriate that we have more women officials at the international level. We will work pro-actively with Member Boards to give female officials the pathway needed for their growth.

"I am sure Janani and Vrinda are looking forward to their time on the Panel. I wish them all the best and hope they not only perform well on assignment, but continue to develop their skillset with our support as they travel along their journey."

Janani Narayanan, 34, who idolises the late David Shepherd of England and retired India umpire Srinivas Venkatraghavan, has been umpiring in Indian domestic tournaments since 2018.

Rathi, 31, a former varsity player who has kept scores in international matches, has also been umpiring in Indian domestic cricket since 2018. Rathi was inspired to take up umpiring after watching retired woman umpire Kathy Cross of New Zealand at the Women's World Cup 2013.

Other ICC women officials are: G.S. Lakshmi, Shandre Fritz (Intl. Panel Match Referees); Lauren Agenbag, Kim Cotton, Shivani Mishra, Claire Polosak, Sue Redfern, Eloise Sheridan, Mary Waldron, Jacquline Williams (all Intl. Panel of ICC Development Umpires).

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. B'lore	Dep. B'lore	Arr. Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Express	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	12.50 am (Sun)	03.15 am (Sun)
12610/12609	Mysuru-Chennai Express (Super Fast)	04.45 am	07.45 am	08.10 pm	11.30 pm
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	05.50 am	08.55 am	05.45 pm	08.40 pm
66554/66551	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	06.10 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.45 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Express	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.50 pm (Thu)	11.30 pm (Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Express	07.20 am	09.55 am	12.20 am	02.35 am
		(Tue & Thu)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16023/16024	Mysore-Yelahanka-Malgudi Exp. (Super Fast)	08.25 am	10.55 am	01.30 pm	04.00 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.40 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25 pm (Wed)
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (Super Fast)	10.40 am	12.55 pm	01.00 pm	03.30 pm
		(Thursday and Saturday)		(Wednesday and Friday)	

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12613/12614	Tipu Express (Super Fast)	11.30 am	02.00 pm	03.15 pm	05.45 pm
16315/ 16316	Mysuru- Bengaluru-Kochuveli Express	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	8.45 am	11.20 am
17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Express	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
66552/66553	Mysore-Bangalore MEMU Passenger	01.45 pm	05.00 pm	07.10 pm	10.20 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
12786/12785	Kacheguda-Bengaluru Express	03.15 pm	05.40 pm	06.40 am	09.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Express	03.45 pm	06.30 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai (Super Fast)	04.30 pm	06.45 pm	06.00 am	08.20 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.10 pm	08.20 pm	07.20 am	10.20 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.20 pm	09.05 pm	07.00 am	10.10 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.35 pm	09.30 pm	03.30 am	06.00 am
		(Tuesday and Thursday)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Express	07.00 pm	09.55 pm	06.20 am	09.10 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Express	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.50 pm (Wed)	05.35 am (Fri)	08.00 am (Fri)
06576/06575	Mysuru-KSR B'luru City MEMU Special	08.30 pm	11.20 pm	05.20 pm	08.20 pm
		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)	
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	09.00 pm	11.45 pm	04.00 am	06.40 am
06562/ 06561	Mysore-Yelahanka MEMU Train	10.20 pm	12.45 am	3.10 am	5.35 am
11065/11066	Mysore-Renigunta Express	10.55 pm (Fri)	01.19 am (Sat)	12.35 am (Sun)	02.50 am (Sun)
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.15 am	11.55 pm	04.15 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep. Ch'nagar	Arr. Mys
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.30 pm
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.10 am	09.55 am (N'gud)	10.45 am (N'gud)	11.45 am
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.40 am	12.30 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.35 pm	02.35 pm	06.00 pm	08.00 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	03.00 pm	04.40 pm	05.00 pm	06.40 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.40pm	08.55 pm	10.45 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. A'kere	Dep. A'kere	Arr. Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm
		(Sunday)		(Friday)	
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.30 am	10.25 am	05.30 pm	09.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	07.45 am	03.40 pm (Yesvantpur)	12.15 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.05 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.25 pm	05.40 am	09.30 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Exp.	08.10 pm	11.05 pm	01.40 am	04.55 am
		(Friday)		(Wednesday)	
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.10 am	07.05 am
		Dep. Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep. Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	02.00 pm	08.55 pm	07.50 am	02.50 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

Train No.	Name	Departure	Arrival
16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'lore)	11.00 pm (Mysore) [Sunday, Monday & Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysore)	08.00 am (B'lore) [Friday, Saturday & Sunday]

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COVID-19: An app to track infected people

Bengaluru, Mar. 19- In a move that appears to take recourse in surveillance measures to track people infected with COVID-19 and those who come in contact with them, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said the Government has deployed technology that will help enforce home quarantine.

This was approved in an emergency meeting of the Cabinet to take stock of the COVID-19 situation on Wednesday.

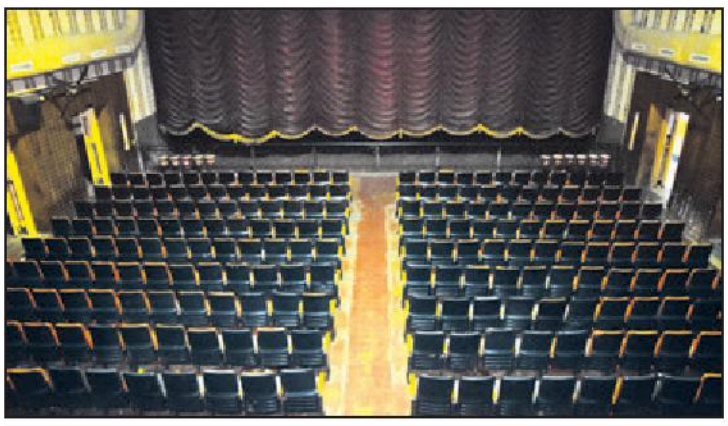
"So far, 42,500 people have come to Bengaluru from abroad. Using technology, through (auto-generated) phone calls, we are able to understand if they have symptoms. Going a step further, it was decided in the Cabinet that if those required to be under home quarantine violate this and come in touch with someone, using this technology, we can track with whom they were in touch for the last 15 days. As a result, we can call them up and find out about their health," Dr. Sudhakar explained in the Legislative Assembly.

According to sources, this app will employ the same tactic and technology used to track tuberculosis patients and those who they come in contact with.

A Bengaluru-based company is working on the app, which is currently being tested. "It will not be available on the web and will be installed in the phones of those under quarantine. Though how the app works is still unclear, it will help track those who might face secondary infection," he said.

The app will be centrally monitored and the Government is said to be in touch with telephone companies for the purpose as it cannot be done without their assistance, sources added.

Corona Effect impacts income of employees at cinema theatres



M.R. Rajaram

Mysuru, Mar.19 (MK&DM)- The lockdown announced by the State Government following COVID-19 scare has badly affected cinema theatres in the city, which have shut down. This has hugely dented the earnings of theatre staff, who were dependent on daily collections.

With cinema halls shut across the State for the past few days, the staff and other workers are left to fend for themselves.

Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation Vice-President M.R. Rajaram, who is also the proprietor of Gayatri Theatre on Chamaraja Double Road in city, told *Star of Mysore* yesterday that apart from theatre owners and staff, dependents such as food stall operators, vehicle parking contractors and other vendors have been badly affected due to loss of income. This type of a shutdown was probably never seen before and the situation will only get worse if it continues for more days, he pointed out.

Noting that the Government should have exempted payment of property tax, other Government taxes and utility bills for shutdown days, Rajaram said that all those dependent on theatres for livelihood are facing a lot of hardship. He further said that the theatre staff will be paid their salaries. The cost of maintenance of the theatre will become all the more difficult if the shut down continues, he added.

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Coronavirus threat

ICSE, ISC Board Exams, JEE Main postponed

New Delhi, Mar. 19- The Council for ICSE (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education) and ISC (Indian School Certificate) has postponed all exams between Mar.19 and 31 due to the Coronavirus pandemic threat. The Council said the revised dates will be announced later once the situation improves.

"In view of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading across the country and with much uncertainty and speculation in the air, the Council, in the interest of the health and well-being of the students and the teaching community, has decided to postpone all ICSE and ISC year 2020 examinations scheduled to be conducted between 19 March 2020 and 31 March 2020," the Council said in a statement today.

"The revised dates for conduct of the remaining papers shall be notified in due course of time," the Council's Chief Executive and Secretary Gerry Arathoon said in the statement today.

On Wednesday, G. Immanuel, Chairman of the Council, had said that the exams will be conducted as per the schedule after the CBSE announced it has postponed exams till March 31.

CBSE and JEE Main

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on Wednesday directed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and all educational institutions in the country to postpone all exams including JEE Mains till March 31 in view of Coronavirus outbreak.

"While the maintenance of academic calendar and exam schedule is important, equally important is safety and security of students, who are appearing in various examinations as also of their teachers and parents," HRD Secretary Amit Khare said in an official communication.

"All ongoing examinations may be rescheduled after March 31. This would include CBSE, NIOS as also university exams. All evaluation work may be rescheduled after March 31," he said.

Stressing on JEE Main, the HRD Secretary said: "Since JEE Main may require travel by examinees to different towns and the dates may clash with rescheduled CBSE and other Board exams, therefore, JEE Main should be rescheduled and the new date of JEE Main will be announced on March 31 after re-assessment of situation."

The Ministry has requested all teachers and educational institutes to maintain regular communication with students and resolve their queries. It has also appealed to parents, students, and teachers not to panic.

PM Modi to address Nation tonight at 8

New Delhi, Mar. 19- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Nation at 8 pm today (Mar. 19) on the situation arising out of Coronavirus outbreak and the efforts to combat it, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said yesterday.

"PM Shri @narendramodi will address the nation on 19th March 2020 at 8 PM, during which he will talk about issues relating to COVID-19 and the efforts to combat it," the PMO tweeted.

In another tweet, the PMO said Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the ongoing efforts to contain COVID-19.

"Ways to further strengthen India's preparedness were discussed. This includes further enhancing testing facilities," it said.

Though initially reluctant to involve private laboratories, the Government has been considering roping them in.

The Health Ministry yesterday said it was an "evolving situation" and while taking all precautions, it is also trying to be prepared for every eventuality.

Indian Council of Medical Research, the nodal agency for battling the virus, is in talks with private laboratories.

The Prime Minister has emphasised on actively engaging with individuals, local communities and organisations in chalking out mechanisms to fight the Coronavirus menace.

Narendra Modi

Earlier this week, he participated in a video conference of SAARC leaders to prepare a joint strategy to tackle the pandemic.

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Ganapathy Ashram shut

Mysuru, Mar. 19- With a view to control the spread of Coronavirus, all public places in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram — Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple, Datta Temple, Prayer Hall, Annapoorna Mandir, Shukavana Bird park, Bonsai Garden, Vishwam Museum and Nada Mantapa — have been closed.

Daily darshan and programmes of Ashram's Seers Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji have also been cancelled.

All Ashram activities are suspended till further notice and devotees and public are requested to co-operate, according to a press release from the Ashram.

Following Coronavirus and Bird Flu scare, Shuka Vana (Parrot Park) at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises has been closed down indefinitely and disinfectants are being sprayed as a precautionary measure. Along with food, medicines are also being given to over 4,000 birds that are housed in the Shuka Vana.

Masks replace prasadam

In an effort to create awareness among the public regarding Coronavirus and Bird Flu and take necessary precautionary measures, Avadhoota Datta Peetham in the city distributed masks to the devotees instead of prasadam yesterday.

After completing the daily rituals, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji at the Ashram on Ooty Road distributed masks to Ashram staff as well.

As Ashram had advised the devotees not to visit the place in large numbers, there were very few visitors yesterday, who also received masks from the Seer, who himself was seen wearing one.

To Our Readers

CORONAVIRUS SCARE: In the wake of the State Government's order for closure of malls, theatres, multiplexes, clubs, commercial establishments and also to not hold any public programmes which involves gathering of large number of people, the STAR MOVIE GUIDE and EVENTS column will not be published until further orders. —**Ed**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Minutia

Pronunciation: muh-NOO-shee-uh.
Meaning: A minute or minor detail, usually used in plural.
Origin: Minutia was borrowed into English in the 18th century from the Latin plural noun minutiae, meaning "trifles" or "details," and derived from the singular noun minutia, meaning "smallness." In English, minutia is most often used in the plural as either minutiae or, on occasion, as simply minutia. The Latin minutia, incidentally, comes from minutus, an adjective meaning "small" that was created from the verb minuere, meaning "to lessen." A familiar descendant of minutus is minute..
Example: The book argues that it is easy to get bogged down in the minutiae of everyday life and fail to notice important opportunities.

THE ODD WORD

Macrobiote

An organism with a long lifespan.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Men in suits

Meaning: Businessmen/bureaucrats/soldiers and the like who follow convention and the company line. Also called just 'suits'.
Origin: The literal meaning, that is, males wearing suits has obviously been part of the language for as long as suits have. The phrase was first used with a specific rather than general meaning to refer to US sports players - the suits being the sporting gear. This usage is known since at least the 1930s.
Example: It is expected that around 80 men in suits will take part in the conference.

QUOTE BOX

Magicians made magic but critics made it tricks. **— Amit Kalantri**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a mouth, but can't talk?

Answer: A river.

SUDOKU

7			9	2		3		6
	3				6			2
			7				4	
						8		4
		5				6		
9		2						
	7				4			
1			2				9	
4		9		1	7			8

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	5	7	8	3	9	6	2
2	3	9	6	5	4	1	7	8
8	7	6	2	1	9	5	3	4
1	9	3	4	6	8	7	2	5
5	8	7	1	3	2	6	4	9
6	4	2	5	9	7	8	1	3
7	2	1	8	4	5	3	9	6
3	5	4	9	7	6	2	8	1
9	6	8	3	2	1	4	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

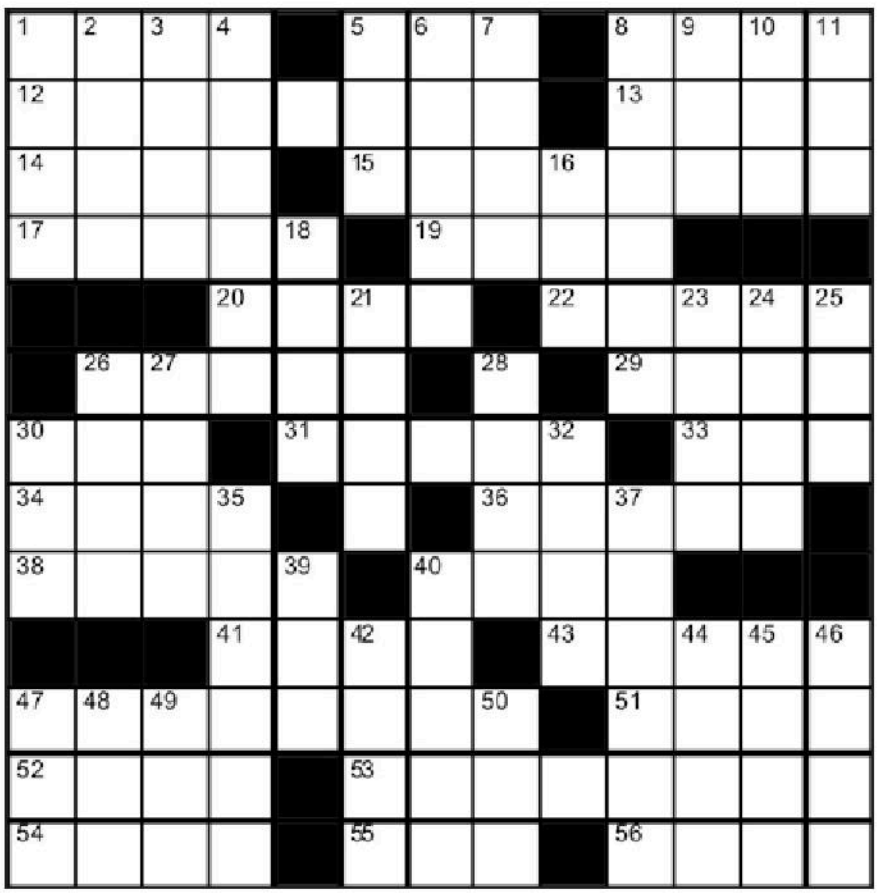
1 Deep in thought, perhaps
5 Capable
8 Smart and stylish
12 Spaniards and Portuguese
13 Nadal's nickname
14 Chapter of the Koran
15 Comes to awareness
17 Study of French
19 Proper or prissy
20 Direction of the orient
22 Makes one's living
26 Tennis star Agassi
29 Peer or gaze
30 __away with: got rid of or killed?
31 Braid
33 Black bird
34 Solemn statement of promise
36 Motif
38 Devastation
40 He has visions of the future
41 Whipping mark
43 Inquisitive
47 Stringed musical instrument
51 Kind of pigeon
52 Opinion or view
53 Ascribe or assign
54 Plaster backer?
55 Medium Earth Orbit
56 "Laid" anagram for a famous Spanish painter?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	A	R	B	■	D	I	R	K	■	E	X	O
O	B	O	E	■	A	N	T	I	■	D	V	I
E	B	O	N	■	T	R	A	N	Q	U	I	L
R	E	F	U	G	E	E	■	D	U	C	■	■
■	■	■	M	U	D	■	P	L	I	A	N	T
D	O	U	B	T	■	F	I	E	■	T	A	U
A	M	P	S	■	D	E	N	■	V	E	I	N
D	I	L	■	C	A	B	■	A	I	S	L	E
S	T	I	L	L	S	■	T	D	S	■	■	■
■	■	F	O	E	■	P	R	O	C	E	E	D
A	C	T	U	A	L	L	Y	■	O	C	T	A
A	C	E	■	T	E	E	S	■	U	R	U	S
L	C	D	■	S	E	A	T	■	S	U	I	T

DOWN

1 ___ to : develop powers equal to (the occasion)?
2 Border on
3 Lima is its capital city
4 Swapped, dealt in
5 At a great distance
6 Bumbling
7 Russian ruler
8 Original, first
9 Pan American org.
10 Seller-Furnished Equip.
11 Owns
16 Falsehood or fib
18 Lawman Wyatt
21 Ego or individuality?
23 Ramble or wander about
24 Naught, nil or nothing
25 Snow runner
26 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
27 Popular news channel
28 Snap or snip, sting
30 Note of the musical scale
32 Subsequently
35 Canopied seat on an elephant's back
37 Gradually worn away
39 Corporate VIP
40 Piece of cake or bread
42 Old time classic movie___ Ara
44 Common additive to alcoholic spirits
45 The devil is this
46 The abominable snowman
47 A small unit of length
48 Old time movie Anokhi ___
49 Catch or ensnare
50 GI with stripes



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DKMY UD CYX UGGXDUDCUARX QECKGX IP CGKCY CYEC ERR UC

EDHD, EQJ ERR UC ZEQCD, UD CYX RUAXGCS IP EOOXEGUQN.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The trouble with the profit system has always been that it was highly unprofitable to most people.

Where have the ubiquitous house sparrows gone?

World Sparrow Day tomorrow; spare a thought for our oldest winged companions

Sparrows and their moves captured by SOM photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav at various locations including Bogadi, Vijayanagar and Shivarampet in city.

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (LNY&BCT)- Tomorrow is World Sparrow Day-2020. It is a day for the house sparrow — to convey the message of conservation of sparrows and other common birds and also is a day of celebration to appreciate the beauty of the common biodiversity which we take so much for granted.

The house sparrow was once the most common bird but in the past few years, this bird has been on the decline over much of its natural range, both in the urban and rural habitats. Sparrows are one of our oldest winged companions.

Lack of trees — their natural habitat — lack of food or water, pollution, change in agricultural practices, and electromagnetic radiation released by mobile, internet and TV signals are some common reasons that have vanished these little birds from urban India.

The objective of World Sparrow Day is to educate the public about the threat of polluted urban environments. The idea came out of an informal conversation in the office of the Nature Forever Society of India. The conservation initiative took hold with members of the organisation and now the day is celebrated across the world on Mar. 20.

Day's impact

The impact of World Sparrow Day has been significant as it has given people a network where they can work together and exchange ideas about conservation. This exchange of ideas is crucial for improving the information surrounding house sparrows and other common bird species. The brain behind World Sparrow Day is Mohammed Dilawar and the Time Magazine had named him one of the 30 most influential environmentalists in the world, a "Hero of the Environment", in 2008.

Virus scare hits bird-watching

In Mysuru, there will be no formal or informal bird-watching or sparrow-watching session in the wake of Coronavirus scare.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, city's avid bird-watcher and naturalist D.H. Tanuja said that the World Sparrow Day was significant. "It is a potential opportunity to make a positive difference to the fate of the house sparrow, whose numbers are declining. The event helps attract the attention of Government agencies and the scientific community to take notice of the need for conserving of this common bird species and urban biodiversity," she said.

Habitat loss due to human lifestyle

"One of the key reasons for the decline of house sparrows is our changing urban lifestyle, which causes habitat destruction. Sparrows prefer to live in crevices and holes of man-made structures like the tiled houses rather than naturally occurring nesting sites in forests or woodlands. Modern buildings often made of glass facades, RCC structures or inaccessible houses that are devoid of cavities that provide a suitable nesting space for the sparrow. Still many sparrows can be found in Mysuru in areas like Vijayanagar, Bogadi and Shivarampet where there is a concentration of rice mandis," she explained.

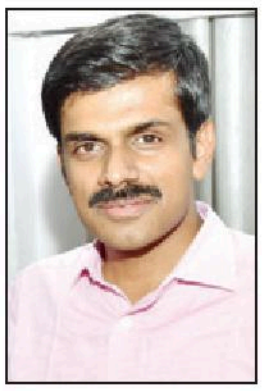
No quick bites now

"Access to food is another problem for the house sparrow which thrives on high-protein diets comprising insects, grains, seeds and food crumbs left by humans. Earlier our elders used to dry wet grains, washed rice and wheat in front of our houses and the sparrows used to flock over them for a quick bite. Also, traders used to clean grains in front of their shops earlier. Now everything is mechanised and stocked up in malls and supermarkets and we are losing out on sparrows. Also, pesticide spraying too has taken a toll," she said.

One of the ways one can help increase the sparrow population is placing bird feeders in any open space and stock it up with grains like rice, wheat bajra and oats. One can also keep bird baths filled with fresh water, especially during the summer. If possible people can provide nest boxes with easy access. It can take up to a fortnight for the hungry birds to start coming in.

Sparrows have lost food sources

"Sparrows have been associated with human habitations since a very long time. But with increasing urbanisation, they've lost out on food sources as well as traditional nesting spaces, in cities. Unless this changes, sparrow populations in urban areas may not recover."



— Abhiram G. Sankar, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, who is also a naturalist

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